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Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program: Opportunities in the Middle East and North Africa MESA Members in 2023-24

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Today's Webinar

- Program Overview
- Why Fulbright?
- Eligibility
- Awards in the Region - Highlights
- Application Cycle and Tips
- Questions





Mission

- In partnership with 160 countries worldwide, Fulbright offers passionate and accomplished faculty, administrators, artists, journalists, lawyers, and other professionals from all backgrounds an unparalleled opportunity to study, teach, or conduct research.
- Our mission is to foster mutual understanding between nations, advance knowledge across communities, and improve lives around the world.

A Brief History

- Established in 1946 by Congress, Fulbright is the United States government's flagship international educational and cultural exchange program.
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Diversity & Inclusion

Fulbright strives to ensure that it reflects the diversity of U.S. society and societies abroad. We encourage the involvement of people from traditionally underrepresented audiences in all our grants, programs and other initiatives.

Opportunities are open to people regardless of their race, color, national origin, sex, age, religion, geographic location, socioeconomic status, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity.





Fulbright by the Numbers



The Fulbright Program funds over 8,000 awards annually:

- 900 U.S. scholars and administrators
- 900 visiting scholars
- 2,200 U.S. students
- 4,000 foreign students
- 400+ language teaching assistants

Approximately 400,000 “Fulbrighters” have participated in the program since its inception in 1946.





Why Fulbright?

Fulbright is transformational.

- Foster relationships that are real and lasting
- Expand your publishing network
- Become more multicultural in the classroom
- Serve as an ambassador for international exchange
- Gain the professional recognition as being identified as a “Fulbright Scholar”
- Join a vibrant alumni network

Fulbright is family-friendly.

- Approximately 60% of our awards provide dependent support
- Many Fulbright dependents go on to have international careers

Fulbright is supportive.

- 70% of applicants engage with IIE staff
- Continued support while in country from IIE and host country staff
- Access to Fulbright alumni as a resource





Eligibility for U.S. Scholar Program



- U.S. citizenship
- Degree and experience, as required by award:
 - Ph.D. or other terminal degree
 - MA and higher education teaching or professional experience
 - Professional and/or artistic experience with substantial accomplishments
 - Teaching experience as required
- Compliance with [policies](#) on previous Fulbright Scholar awards and waiting periods between grants



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Fulbright Scholar Awards – Which is for you?

3 Award Types in the Middle East and North Africa:

- Scholar Awards
- Postdoctoral Awards
- Distinguished Scholar Awards

Flex Option

- Available in 63 countries and all world areas
- Allows multiple visits over two years

MENA Regional Research Program





Selecting the Right Award



- Match country interest, expertise, career profile, and proposal to the award description
- Language ability (if applicable)
- Discipline preferences, when specified
- Project relevance to the host country and/or institution
- Benefits to you and your community

Remember: you can only apply for ONE AWARD per application cycle



Opportunities the Middle East and North Africa in 2023-24



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Regional Highlights

- 32 awards spread across 13 countries at all academic levels
- All Disciplines or Multiple Disciplines offered in all countries
- Opportunities available at all stages of your career, from post doctoral applicants to senior academics
- Many allow for Flex option, for multiple visits over a two-year period
- Fulbright U.S. Scholars in the Middle East and North Africa region may apply for a short-term regional travel grant (five to 14 days) to attend a conference, give a lecture or participate in similar activities
- **Middle East/North Africa Regional Research Program** facilitates research projects in two or more countries throughout the entire region





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Award Highlights

All Disciplines or Multiple Disciplines Awards available in **all countries** throughout the region:
Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Morocco, Oman, Palestinian Territories (West Bank), Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates

TEFL/Applied Linguistics in **Algeria, Jordan and Palestinian Territories (West Bank)**

Bahrain: Educational Administration/Teacher Administration

Egypt: American University in Cairo, New Distinguished Scholar Award for 2023-24

Israel: Focus on Postdoctoral Fellowships

Morocco-Spain Joint Teaching/Research Award

Palestinian Territories (West Bank): Journalism/Media





Understanding the Awards

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FULBRIGHT DISTINGUISHED SCHOLAR AWARD

Egypt Distinguished Scholar Award

APPLICATION DEADLINE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2022

- Award Details**
- Award Requirements
- Award Benefits
- Country/Area Overview

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AWARD CODE
13631-EG

ACTIVITY TYPE
Research
Teaching
Teaching/Research

DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
Ph.D. (or other terminal degree) required

CAREER PROFILE
Senior Academics

NUMBER OF RECIPIENTS
Exactly 1

AWARD START PERIOD
September 2023 - February 2024

AWARD LENGTH
3 months - 9 months

FLEX OPTION
No

COUNTRY
Egypt

MULTI-COUNTRY/AREA AWARD
No

DISCIPLINES

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Application Components

Requirements:

- Application Form
- Project Statement
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- 2 Letters of Recommendation
- Language Proficiency Report (if required)
- Letter of Invitation (if required)

Supplemental Materials:

- Course outlines or syllabi (for teaching)
- Select bibliography (for research)
- Portfolio submissions (for artists, architects, and journalists)





Tips to submit a strong application:

- Before you start, **read your award's description carefully** to ensure you meet all requirements and your proposed project is possible.
- **Start your application and enter your referees' information as soon as possible.** You can always save and return to it.
- **Take advantage of IIE resources**, including webinars, office hours and pointed application guidance on our website.

Remember: You only can receive an award if you apply!





Application Cycle

2023-24 Competition Now Open

FEBRUARY	Catalog of Awards Opens
SEPTEMBER 15	Application Deadline
SEPTEMBER	Program staff conducts technical reviews for completeness
OCTOBER – NOVEMBER	U.S. peer review
NOVEMBER – JANUARY	Applicants notified of status. Recommended applications are sent to host countries and to the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board.
JANUARY – JUNE	Final decisions are made
JUNE – ONWARD	Participants prepare for departure



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